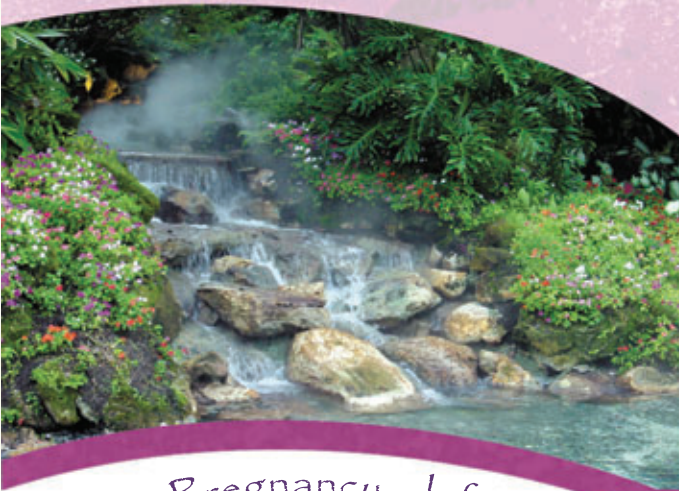


FOURTH GRACE CONFERENCE



Pregnancy :: Infant Loss :: Infertility :: Adoption

The GRACE Conference & Retreat

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
3131 Campus Drive, Plymouth, Minnesota
Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29, 2007



A Weekend of Renewal & Education

Saturday Benefit Banquet "Night Lights: A Night of Hope & Renewal"

Keynote – U.S. Senator Norm Coleman & Emcee – Jonathan Yugas, KARE 11 News

A Conference for: Families • Healthcare Professionals • Care Providers
Continuing Education Credits Available

Presented by Missing GRACE Foundation

www.MissingGRACE.org

Missing GRACE Foundation

The Mission of Missing GRACE Foundation is to provide resources and support for families that have experienced: pregnancy loss, infant loss, infertility or adoption and to advocate for comprehensive, patient-focused prenatal care for all women. Five core areas encompass the heart of the mission: **G**rieve, **R**estore, **A**rise, **C**ommemorate and **E**ducate.

Missing GRACE was founded by Candy and Stephen McVicar in response to experiencing a stillbirth of their firstborn daughter, Grace, due to a Velamentous cord issue. It was determined that Grace was perfectly healthy and her life could have been saved with medical intervention of an early induction. The McVicar's committed to support families and educate about stillbirth and formed Missing GRACE Organization that later became a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit in June 2006 and the name changed to Missing GRACE Foundation. The Foundation provides resources both nationally and internationally, and has members all over the world.



The first annual GRACE Conference for families and caregivers took place in 2002. This is the 4th GRACE Conference & Retreat and the next one will take place in the spring of 2009.

Conference Objectives

To help connect professionals with bereaved, infertile, adoptive families and provide a life changing experience that will offer greater insight, direction, vision, and renewed hope for the future.

Families will receive resources that equip and empower them to:

- Build stronger marriages
- Cope better with their loss, grief and infertility
- Pursue healthy pregnancies and adoptions
- Improve their current state of health and their children's health

Professional Caregiver attendees will learn:

- How to monitor and manage pregnancies to reduce stillbirth and poor outcomes
- Best practices for care of families during and after perinatal loss and subsequent pregnancy
- The important role cultural heritage plays in a time of death and mourning
- Ways to prevent burnout and compassion fatigue

Conference Overview

6 Tracks with 34 Educational Sessions & More than 40 Speakers:

Tracks include: Bereavement, Infertility, Adoption, Health and Wellness, Professional and Further on the Grief Journey.

Intended Audience ~ Both Professionals & Families:

This conference is created for: nurses, physicians, technologists, social workers, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, educators, art therapists, clergy, chaplains, counselors, funeral home service personnel, holistic practitioners, students and volunteers who provide care and services for bereaved, infertile and adoptive families and who assist women with family planning and prenatal care.

Individuals, couples and their families will find support, encouragement and applicable resources to help on the journey through: grieving, infertility, adoption, pregnancy and raising healthy well-adjusted children.

“Ask the Professional” Appointments:

Experts provide 15 to 30 minute private consultations: reproductive endocrinologists, OB/GYNs, therapists, social workers, naturopathic doctors, and other holistic practitioners.

Continuing Education Credits (CEUs):

This program is designed to meet the MN Board of Nursing for RNs and LPNs, and the MN Board of Education CE requirements for 9 hours (1.50/session.) Application has been approved by the MN Board of Psychology for a total of 7.50 hours (1.25/session) and the MN Board of Marriage and Family Therapy for 9 hours (1.5/session.) Credit applications have been made for 7.5 hours (1.25/session) for the following MN licensing boards: Behavioral Health and Therapy, and Social Work. Application has also been made to the licensing boards for Chaplains, Clergy and Funeral Home Personnel for a total of 6.25 contact hours.

Resource Tables:

Valuable resources are provided by more than 30 organizations and companies: adoption agencies, specialty and holistic health providers, bookstores, bereavement and infertility support organizations and more.

Silent Auction:

Bidding begins Saturday the 28th at 8:00am and closes at 7:00pm. Items will be awarded Saturday evening after the “Night Lights” Banquet.

Visit www.MissingGRACE.org to view auction items.

GRACE Spa Services:

Attendees will be able to treat themselves to some R & R with complimentary chair massages, hand and foot massages and facials.

“Night Lights” A Night of Hope and Renewal:

A **Benefit Banquet** for the Missing GRACE Foundation - Saturday evening, April 28th (page 5)
Keynote by **U.S. Senator Norm Coleman** & Emceed by **Jonathan Yugas from KARE 11 News**

Keynote Address by Marianne Richmond:

Gifts on the Journey - Sunday afternoon, April 29th (page 11)

Saturday Sessions



Bereavement Track

(A1) The Colors of Love and Shades of Grief: Keeping Your Marriage Strong After Loss:

Authors Sherokee Ilse and Tim Nelson share of their stillbirth and miscarriage experiences, and provide insight to what they've learned about grief, gender, and marriage.

(A2) Managing Pregnancy After Loss:

Panel describes medical and emotional aspects of a subsequent pregnancy and how home-fetal-monitoring helped with a positive outcome.

(A3) There Has to be a Bottom to Our Grief: Daring to Hope When You're in the Pit from the Heartache of Loss and Recurring Disappointment:

Judy Howard-Peterson, ordained minister in the Covenant Church, offers her story of finding the bottom after 5 losses and reclaiming life, including the gifts of love, discovery and joy that can be yours even in the midst of grief.

(A4) All are invited to attend Dr. Jason Collins' session (E4).

Infertility Track

(B1) The Many Emotions of Infertility: Finding Balance From Within:

Nicole Lange, a Licensed Acupuncturist who specializes in fertility and emotional healing, teaches how to trade the roller coaster of emotions for hope and transformation.

(B2) Is it Genes, Environment, or Luck?

Genetic Counselor Alysia Spear and Jodi Regan, MD, OB/GYN discuss causes of infertility, recurring miscarriage, birth defects, risk factors, and treatments and offer emotional support.

(B3) Medical Infertility 101:

Charles Coddington, III, MD, Reproductive Endocrinologist from Mayo Clinic teaches latest technologies and approaches to treating infertility and achieving pregnancy.

(B4) The Spiritual Journey of Infertility:

Author Kimberly Webb shares her story of how faith brought comfort, hope, healing, and answers as she journeyed through infertility.

Adoption Track

(C1) Adoption: Where to Start the Journey:

Five different adoption agencies present their respective resources and options for beginning the adoption process. Panel Facilitator: Pam Baker, MS, LISW, Bethany Christian Services Branch Director.

(C2) Too Much Money! Too Much Time!

Daonna Depoister, board member and past President of Midwest Region of Resolve, and Elizabeth Peterson, RN, adoptive mother, share about the resources available to make an adoption affordable and the application process manageable and not so overwhelming.

(C3) Exploring Your Options: Which Type of Adoption is Right for You:

Brooke Skinner-Drawz, LGSW, and Vivian Medeck, mother of four adopted children, two through "fos-adopt," share about personal adoption experiences and offer support for your particular path of adoption.

(C4) Room for More? Adding to Your Family Through Adoption:

Brooke Skinner-Drawz, LGSW, and adoptive mother, Elizabeth Peterson, RN, outline the positive and challenging changes your family will encounter, discuss different forms of adoption and open adoption options, and help identify the kind of family atmosphere and relationships you hope to foster within your new family.

Health and Wellness Track

(D1) A Holistic Approach to a Healthy Pregnancy:

Kristi Hughes, ND, teaches how to bring your body into balance naturally and holistically with a combination of dietary and lifestyle modifications, appropriate nutrient supplementation, and botanical medicine.

(D2) Relaxation Exercises for Health and Healing:

Learn about and practice techniques such as relaxation response, breath work, meditation, and guided imagery to help you reconnect with Mind, Body and Spirit with psychologist Jeanette Truchsess, PhD.

(D3) Heal the Hurt:

Memories and thoughts can continue to hurt, even years after an event, as the healing process becomes blocked. Valerie Lis teaches how Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) can help eliminate your reaction to a specific memory.

(D4) Keep Your Kids Healthy with Holistic Medicine:

Lawrence B. Palevsky, MD, FAAP will provide parents with the tools needed to effectively maintain good health and prevent illness in their children without damaging their systems with suppressive therapies.

Professional Track (CEUs Provided)

(E1) Cross-Cultural Grief: *Appreciating the Cultural Dimensions of Dying, Death, Grief, and Mourning:*

Rev. Peter E. Lund provides insight to the role cultural heritage plays in end-of-life rites and rituals including: baptism, medical intervention, autopsies, organ donation, burial, cremation, funeral services and after-life beliefs.

(E2) Born Too Soon:

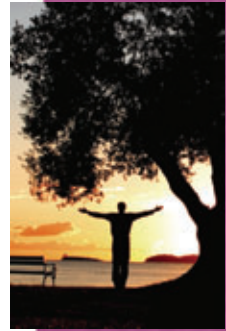
Encouraging caregiver sensitivity for parents of premature babies and babies born with birth defects, Joyce Baughman, RN, NICU nurse for more than 20 years, addresses ways the health professional team can provide continuity of care while being in-tune to the needs of the family. Panel: Author and bereaved mother, Heidi Ciepielinski; Rep. Kurt Zellers and wife, Kim. Rep. Karen Klinzing and husband, Bill.

(E3) Giving Care, Taking Care: *Avoiding Burnout, Recognizing Compassion Fatigue:*

Sherokee Ilse, author and bereaved parent, shares compassionate care strategies for helping grieving families, and gives guidance to recognize your own compassion fatigue.

(E4) Umbilical Cord Accidents (UCA) - *Torsion 2007:*

Jason Collins, MD, OB/GYN, familiarizes OB caregivers with torsion and demonstrates how to document torsion at delivery. An extensive review and outline of contemporary and historical research related to cord issues is presented along with how to utilize current technology to determine which babies are at risk for umbilical cord accidents.



Further on the Grief Journey Track

(F1) Grieve and Move Toward Healing with Art:

Participate in a reflective time of art expression through using clay, drawing and painting, and process the emotions associated with your artwork. Art talent is not necessary and art supplies are provided. Julie Bergeron uses Christian Art Expression to help people find lasting hope.

(F2) Wisdom of Word I: Writing to Heal the Spirit:

Embark on a remarkable writing journey with author Lorraine Ash to find the lights of heavenly insight in the most painful events and encounters of our lives. Experiences are no less than pathways to God. Passages by noted writers such as William Blake, Grace Paley and Ellen Gilchrist are used as springboards to get creative juices flowing. Writing skill or experience is not necessary.

(F3) Living a Lifetime in One Moment: The Last Embrace of Parents with Their Child:

Witness a story told in pictures by *Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep* representatives and be inspired to create and preserve memories with creative scrapbooking and video montages. Bring your scrapbook materials and laptops.

(F4) All are invited to attend Dr. Jason Collins' session **(E4)**.

Night Lights

A Night of Hope & Renewal: Saturday Evening, April 28th, 2007

An elegant and uplifting Benefit Banquet for Missing GRACE Foundation, featuring: Keynote - U.S. Senator, Norm Coleman and Emceed by Jonathan Yuhus, Kare 11 News, live jazz music provided by pianist Benny Weinbeck and bassist Adam Linz, and a live theatrical performance by Kirsten Frantzich and Clint Allen. *Your important contribution will help further the mission of Missing GRACE Foundation.*



U.S. Senator, Norm Coleman:

Has been a U.S. Senator for five years and was the Mayor of St. Paul for eight years. He played a key role in the passage of an important MN mis-carriage bill while serving in the Attorney General's office for seventeen years and he continues to be an advocate for families. He and his wife Laurie are bereaved parents, having experienced two losses. They reside in St. Paul with their children Jacob and Sarah.

Jonathan Yuhus:

Has been doing the morning weather on KARE 11 News for the past nine years. He and his wife Angie have two children, Max (7) and Maggie (4). Their son Max is a surviving twin – his brother Alexander died unexpected and suddenly from necrotizing enterocolitis six days after birth.



Kirsten Frantzich & Clint Allen:

Have performed nationally on stage, film and television. Kirsten recently made an appearance in *Sweetland* and Clint was the Unit Production Manager on the film.

Benny Weinbeck:

Is a renowned jazz musician, who has been performing in venues around the world since 1977. His albums have had extensive airplay on television and radio.

Registration Options

1. Online at www.MissingGRACE.org
2. By mail:
Missing GRACE Foundation
P.O. Box 1625
Maple Grove, MN 55311
3. On-site the day of the event, however, meals are not guaranteed.
* Questions? Phone: 763-497-0709 or email: info@MissingGRACE.org



Join Missing GRACE Foundation & save \$10 off your registration!

Annual membership of \$40.00 includes: a quarterly GRACE newsletter, a GRACE tote bag, and the opportunity to participate for free in educational Tele-conference calls with experts on pregnancy, infertility and adoption.

- I would like to join I would like to renew my membership

Please send my GRACE newsletter:

- To my email address To my mailing address
 I prefer to view the newsletters on the GRACE web site
If you select GRACE web site, you will be emailed a user name and access code for the member area of the site where you can view the newsletters.

Volunteers Needed for the 2007 GRACE Conference:

- I would like to volunteer:

Volunteers who work a full shift on Saturday or Sunday receive a 10% registration discount on the day they do not help. Volunteers will also receive a GRACE shirt and GRACE Tote on the day that they volunteer.

Saturday Evening, April 28th, 2007 "Night Lights" A Night of Hope and Renewal: A Benefit Banquet for the Missing GRACE Foundation

Entrée Choices:

- A.** Duet Plate: Petit Filet and Mahi Mahi with Roasted Shallot Butter, Asparagus with Root Vegetable and Deluxe Skin-On Mashed Potatoes.
B. Roasted Vegetable Ravioli with smoked Tomato-Alfredo Sauce & Fresh Basil (vegetarian)
Both meals include: Strawberry Fields Salad, rolls, coffee, hot or iced tea, and two dessert selections. Cash bar 4:00pm to 11:00pm.

"Night Lights" Sponsors: Sponsor a table at the banquet in honor of your loved one.

The names of *Night Light* Sponsors and their children remembered, if applicable, will be given special recognition in the conference program and on the video screens throughout the dinner. They will also receive a "Love Lights the Night Memorial Centerpiece" and will be presented with a special gift in recognition of their support of Missing GRACE Foundation. Sponsors will be contacted for the guests' names that will share their table. Tickets will be held under the Sponsor's name for their guests to pick up at the door Sat. evening. Tickets may also be gifted to attendees on scholarship.

- I will sponsor one table at the minimum donation of \$750.00 (\$75.00 x 10 tickets).
 I wish to sponsor the table for an additional amount for a total of \$_____.
Donation amount given above the actual cost of the dinner is tax-deductible.
(\$250.00 of the \$750.00 is tax-deductible).

My donation is made in memory of: _____

Date of Birth/Death: _____

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“Love Lights the Night Memorial Centerpieces”

Your baby’s/loved one’s name and birth date will be displayed on the centerpiece and at the end of the evening you will be able to take your centerpiece home.

I would like to purchase a *Love Lights Centerpiece* in honor of my loved one for \$50.

S’mores will be provided at the Bonfire Sat. evening: Yes, I would like s’mores.

The all inclusive registration fee for both Sat. & Sun., April 28th & 29th, 2007 includes:

Attendance at 6 sessions, CEU’s for Professional Track, access to Resource Tables and Silent Auction, GRACE Spa, and “Ask the Professional” Appointments, GRACE Tote with resources, two continental breakfasts, two lunch buffets, refreshment breaks, open activity time/classes, use of health club, Sat. evening bonfire with s’mores, Walk to Remember, Candlelight Memorial, Sun. Keynote Address, Closing Ceremony and Balloon Release.

Attendee Information:

- Please print clearly and use one form per household/per couple.
- Print exactly as you want your name tag to appear, include credentials (if applicable).

Name: _____

Second Attendee Name: _____

Relationship: Spouse/Significant Other Relative Friend

Agency or Company Name: _____

Check if contact information is the same for both attendees.

Street Address: _____ Apt./Unit: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Second Attendee E-mail: _____

Second Attendee Phone: _____

Check if you would like to receive updates and info about Missing GRACE by email.

Payment Options:

Money Order Check (make payable to Missing GRACE Foundation)

Cash Credit Card Online with PayPal Credit Card Billed by Missing GRACE

Charge my: VISA Master Card (Fill in card information below)

Indicate type of card: Credit Debit

CONFIDENTIAL Card Number:

Expiration Date: _____ 3 digits on back of card:

Signature: _____

Print name as it appears on card: _____

Cancellation Policy:

Written cancellations postmarked by 4/18/07 receive full refund less a \$50 processing fee. No refunds will be issued after 4/19/07. Substitutions can be made without penalty or charge if Missing GRACE is notified of the name and registration information.

Baby Memorial:

Purchase Baby Feet in memory of your baby. Baby Feet cut outs will be displayed on the Commemoration Wall and Table at the conference.

I would like to purchase baby feet. (\$5 per set)

of Pink Feet: _____ # of Blue Feet: _____ # of Purple Feet: _____ Total: \$ _____

Decorate Baby Feet at the conference and take them home on Sunday. Attendees may bring a picture of their baby to attach to the Baby Feet Memorial along with other memorial items that they wish to share on the Commemoration Table such as scrapbooks, framed pictures, shadow boxes, angel statues, etc.

Scholarships:

Many families need scholarship assistance to attend. Donations are tax-deductible.

I would like to help sponsor an individual or couple to attend.

Please note the amount: \$ _____

Sponsored in memory of: _____ Born/Died on: _____

I want to attend but need scholarship assistance.

Contact Missing GRACE Foundation to apply. Scholarships are provided as donations are made.

Select from 6 Tracks & 34 Sessions Sat. & Sun. April 28th - 29th	Saturday				Sunday	
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Time:	9:00am-10:15am	10:30am-11:45am	1:15pm-2:30pm	2:45pm-4:00pm	10:15am-11:30am	11:45am-1:00pm
Bereavement Track:	A1	A2	A3	N/A	A5	A6
Infertility Track:	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6
Adoption Track:	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6
Health & Wellness Track:	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6
Professional Track:	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6
Further on the Grief Journey Track:	F1	F2	F3	N/A	F5	F6
Indicate Your Session 1st & 2nd Choices	Saturday				Sunday	
	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
First Attendee 1st Choice:						
First Attendee 2nd Choice:						
Second Attendee 1st Choice:						
Second Attendee 2nd Choice:						

Assignments are made in the order received.

Caregivers are welcome to attend classes in tracks other than the Professional track, however it is only in the Professional Track that CEU's are offered. The Professional Track is open to ALL attendees.

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Attendee Registration Options	Adv. Reg. Before 3/28/07	Gen. Reg. After 3/28/07	Sat. Night Benefit Dinner Banquet	Person 1 Banquet Meal	Person 2 Banquet Meal	Total Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Both Days All Inclusive	\$149	\$169	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN All Inclusive	\$89	\$99	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple Both Days All Inclusive	\$249	\$269	\$130	A or B	A or B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Couple One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN All Inclusive	\$149	\$169	\$130	A or B	A or B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Both Days All Inclusive	\$299	\$329	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN All Inclusive	\$199	\$219	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Couple Both Days All Inclusive	\$529	\$579	\$130	A or B	A or B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Couple One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN All Inclusive	\$299	\$329	\$130	A or B	A or B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Both Days All Inclusive	\$109	\$119	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN All Inclusive	\$79	\$89	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Class Registration (Non-Professionals Only)	\$50/class	\$50/class	\$65	A or B	N/A	
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer One Day Circle One SAT OR SUN	\$79	\$89	\$65	A or B	N/A	
Subtotal						
<input type="checkbox"/> Ticket to Benefit Dinner Banquet ONLY Saturday Night the 28th	N/A	N/A	\$75.00/ person	A or B	A or B	
<input type="checkbox"/> Night Lights Table Sponsor (Purchase of 10 seats/ tickets to Dinner Banquet on Saturday Night the 28th)	N/A	N/A	Minimum Donation \$750.00	N/A	N/A	
SUBTOTAL:						
Join or renew membership \$40 and SUBTRACT \$10 from the Total:						
Add Cost for Baby Feet Memorials and Donations for Sponsorships:						
TOTAL AMOUNT:						

Sunday Sessions

Bereavement Track

(A5) Ask the Doctor:

Ask Dr. Jason H. Collins, MD, OB/GYN, about your past pregnancies and learn how to protect any future pregnancies. Parents who have experienced a stillbirth, multiple losses or have had a baby born alive with cord or placenta related complications will find this session helpful.

(A6) Loss, Grief and Healing:

Author Tim Nelson examines different losses in our lives, the myths we often use to cope with grief, and how we can prevent grief from controlling our lives. Tim is a certified Grief Recovery Specialist.

Infertility Track

(B5) Guy Talk:

Grief educator Ted Bowman discusses infertility, loss, and related challenges, strictly from a man's perspective. Steve McVicar and Jerry Bryce share about their personal experiences with infertility, IVF, pregnancy loss, failed/disrupted adoptions, subsequent pregnancy and successful adoption.

(B6) Nurturing the Seed of Life Naturally: *Clinical Considerations to Increase Likelihood of Conception:*

The seed of life within you needs an internal terrain that is balanced in order to grow. The "inner soil" is affected by diet, emotions, and external stressors. Lawrence Palevsky, MD, FAAP, teaches you how to create the optimum "fertile soil" conditions for conception. Discussion includes: preventive medicine, acupuncture and Chinese Medicine, homeopathy, essential oils and natural healing modalities such as aromatherapy, yoga, meditation, reflexology and mindfulness.

Adoption Track

(C5) When Infertility Has Led You to the Door of Adoption:

Hear encouraging personal stories from Betsy Singaas-Ellis and Tracey Bryce of how they moved from their difficult infertility journeys and opened their hearts to adoption even while still grieving the loss of the dream to have a biological child.

(C6) Building a Bond:

Scars of the past can create a barrier to bonding. Gloria Nelson shares how to prepare for and help an adopted child with attachment disorder and/or emotional-behavioral issues. She has adopted two girls from India, one of whom has RAD.

Health and Wellness Track

(D5) Reflections of Birth: *How Our Parenting Experiences are Affected by the Way We are Born:*

This insightful workshop by Monica Matos, explores how the beliefs, thoughts and feelings stemming from our earliest experiences can affect our fertility, the way we give birth, and how we parent. She is the Founder of *Ten Moons Rising Holistic Family Education*.

(D6) Discover Life Giving Foods & Take Charge of Your Health with Nutrition:

Rachel Roberts Oppitz, ND, shares how to obtain better health and begin to lay a strong foundation for maintaining future health through: organic whole-food-nutrition, meal-planning, and lifestyle practice changes.



Professional Track

(E5) Support for the Parents During and After Loss:

Discover how to match your care to individual needs of each grieving family. Deborah Simmons, PhD, LMFT, and Candy McVicar, Exec. Dir. of Missing GRACE, provide tools to build a proficient system from the hospital to the home, ensuring that exceptional care for parents is provided before, during and after the delivery of a perinatal loss.

(E6) When Pregnancy Follows a Loss:

Recognize how loss changes the experience of the next pregnancy for mothers and fathers. Joann O'Leary, PhD teaches care providers how to effectively support parents with specific interventions that help them better cope with fears and anxieties.

Further on the Grief Journey Track

(F5) Wisdom of Words II: Writing to Heal the Spirit:

Author Lorraine Ash explores great loss as an opportunity to expand the boundaries of our identities. We are not the small, static people we once thought we were. Writing exercises inspired by The Kybalion, William Saroyan and Buckminster Fuller. Writing skill or experience is not necessary.

(F6) Pay It Forward: Take Your Loss and Create Connections to Help Others:

Candy and Steve McVicar share their journey through GRACE and offer ways to educate others regarding loss, how to help politically with legislation regarding new standards of care and protocols for prevention of stillbirth, and how to ensure that parents of a stillborn receive a birth certificate.

Gifts on the Journey

Keynote Address Sunday, April 29th:

We all have stories. Some are full of hope and blessings and others are wrought with pain and disappointment. No matter our stories -- we are united by our human-ness, our feelings, our expectations and our need to be understood. Marianne will share perspective on the gifts that can be found along our life journeys.



Marianne Richmond: www.mariannerichmond.com

Gifted writer and artist, Marianne has touched the lives of millions over the past decade through her uplifting creations - including books, cards, stationery products and gift items sold nationwide, from corner gift shops and bookstores to mass merchants and department stores. She lives in Minneapolis, MN with her husband and four kids.

Closing Ceremony

We bring to you once again the popular drama, *Blue True Dream*. Kirsten Frantzych and Clint Allen intuitively bring you through what it means to have dreams lost but with an uplifting and hopeful message. Those who have seen it say that it is "entertaining," "insightful" and "powerful."



There will also be special music, prize giveaways and closing remarks. The ceremony will be followed by a Balloon Release with commemorative music played by Bill Ash in remembrance of the babies honored whom are no longer with us.

Speakers

Julie Bergeron: (F1) www.igivemytears.org

Artist and founder of *I Give My Tears, Inc.*, Julie lost her first-born son to a premature birth and later nearly lost her life in a severe car accident. Julie and her husband, Chuck, have six children and live in Colorado.

Cheryl Haggard: (F3) www.nilmdts.org

After the death of her son, Maddux, Cheryl, decided to have an in-hospital portrait session that changed her life. As a result of that experience Cheryl co-founded *Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep (NILMDTS)* to provide infant bereavement photography and support to parents who experience the death of a baby.

Judy Howard-Peterson, MDiv: (A3) www.soultole.com

Having walked across America in '99 for her MDiv internship, she now travels around the country encouraging people that life is a journey worth traveling. During the past three years Judy and her husband Jeff have conceived and grieved the loss of five babies. Along the way they have learned valuable lessons about how to keep on walking this journey of faith.

Karen and Bill Klinzing: (E2)

Parents of 3 healthy children and son William, would have been 3, but he died of a hospital staph infection following surgeries to repair his Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia. Now, Karen and Bill await the arrival of their 5th child, a daughter named Hannah Grace, diagnosed with Trisomy 18, a chromosomal abnormality that few survive. Karen was a state legislator in the MN House of Representatives for 4 years, 2 terms. She was the chief author of the law that allows parents of babies who are stillborn to obtain a Record of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth.

Nicole Lang, LAC, MAOM: (B1) www.lifehealinglife.com

Following her graduate studies in oriental medicine and board certification, Nicole opened her private practice, *Life Healing Life*. She trained with Randine Lewis, author of *The Infertility Cure* and the *Fertile Soul* program, and now specializes in fertility and emotional healing therapy. She has coauthored a textbook study guide on Chinese Herbal Medicine.

Rev. Peter E. Lund, MDiv: (E1)

Chaplain for the Hospice/Karuna programs of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of MN, Peter received his Masters in Divinity from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton, MA. He was ordained as a Minister in the United Church of Christ in 1996.

Candy McVicar: (A2, E5, F6) www.MissingGRACE.org

As Executive Dir. of Missing GRACE Foundation, Candy facilitates GRACE Support groups, provides direct care in MN hospitals for families at the time of a perinatal loss, and manages all the GRACE programs. Thanks to Dr. Collins' fetal monitoring and care, her daughter Tatum made a safe arrival into the world on 8/19/2005.

James Stephen McVicar: (A2, B5, F6)

Co-Founder and Co-Director of Missing GRACE Foundation, Stephen is a facilitator for a GRACE Support group where he provides support for grieving fathers. Stephen's support of wife, Candy, was crucial for the vision and development of Missing GRACE. His work with the foundation is his way to honor and parent his daughter Grace in Heaven.





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Tim Nelson: (A1, A6) www.aplacetoremember.com

As a young father when his second child was unexpectedly stillborn, Tim wrote an article as part of his grieving process that was later published as a booklet entitled *A Father's Story*. His most recent book is entitled *A Guide for Fathers: When a Baby Dies*. Tim's publishing company *A Place To Remember* publishes books and provides other products for grieving families.

Joann O'Leary, PhD, MPH, MS: (E6)

She earned her PhD at the University of MN in Work, Community and Family Education with a minor in Spirituality and Health. Joann authored *When Pregnancy Follows a Loss: Preparing for the Birth of Your New Baby*. She is an adjunct faculty member at the University of MN School of Nursing, and speaks nationally and internationally on topics of research.

Rachel Roberts-Oppitz, ND: (D6)

Owner of Itasca Naturopathic Clinic in Park Rapids, MN, Rachel received her doctorate of naturopathic medicine from the National College of Natural Medicine in Oregon. She specializes in environmental medicine, pediatrics and women's health, utilizing: nutrition, homeopathy, and functional medicine.

Deborah Simmons, PhD, LMFT: (E5) www.partnersinpsych.com

A marriage and family therapist specializing in the emotions of infertility and reproductive complications, she is the parent of two preemies and veteran of extended bed rest. Dr. Simmons has the American Society for Reproductive Medicine certification and practices at Partners in Psychiatry and Psychology in Minnetonka, MN.

Jeanette Truchsess, PhD: (D2) www.doctorjeanette.net

A psychologist in St. Paul, MN, specializing in infertility and adoption, Jeanette leads a Mind/Body Program for Fertility and Family Building, teaching people how to cope with the stress of infertility. Jeanette is a nurse, educator and adoptive mother.

Kimberly Webb: (B4) www.kimberlywebb.org

An accomplished author, motivational speaker and author of *The Making of a Joyful Mother: A Spiritual Journey for Women Experiencing Infertility*, Kimberly is a contributing writer for *StreamingFaith.com*, the world's largest provider of online faith-based broadcast services. She writes a monthly column for *Faith Focus* in the Dallas Morning News.

Additional Speakers:

Pam Baker, MS, LISW, LMFT **C1** • Tammy Becker **F3** • Ted Bowman **B5** • Jerry Bryce **B5**
Tracey Bryce **C5** • Joyce Baughman, RN, BSN **E2** • Heidi Ciepielinski, RN **E2**
Daonna Depoister **C2** • Holly & Brian Emerson **A2** • Melissa & Jason Gemmell **A2**
Cameron Jensen **A2** • Valerie Lis **D3** • Heather Lombardo **F3** • Monica Matos **D5**
Vivian Medeck **C3** • Gloria Nelson **C6** • Jennifer K. Patrick, LGSW **C1**
Beth Peterson, RN **C2, C4** • Jodi Regan, MD, FACOG **B2** • Betsy Singaas-Ellis **C5**
Brooke Skinner-Drawz, MSW, LGSW **C3, C4** • Alysia Spear **B2** • Gretchen Wahlstedt **A2**
Rep. Kurt Zellers & Kim Zellers **E2**

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Conference & Retreat Schedule

Saturday Schedule:

Continental breakfast begins at 7:30am. Visit with others, network, and meet with Resource Table representatives, get a chair massage in the GRACE Spa and place a bid at the Silent Auction. Resource Tables open at 7:30am and Silent Auction and GRACE Spa opens at 8:00am.

*Resource Tables and Silent Auction are only available on Saturday.

7:30am	Registration
9:00am	A1, B1, C1, D1, E1, F1
10:30am	A2, B2, C2, D2, E2, F2
12:00pm	Networking Lunch
1:15pm	A3, B3, C3, D3, E3, F3
2:45pm	B4, C4, D4, E4
4:00pm	Open Activity Time
6:30pm-9:30pm	Dinner Banquet

Sunday Schedule:

The GRACE Spa opens at 8:00am for R&R. Get to know others on a similar journey during the open activities time with scrapbooking, art and music therapy, yoga/qigong class, ½ court basketball, volleyball, and use of the health club. There will also be a showing of *Losing Layla*, the video diary of Vanessa Gorman's pregnancy and loss of her daughter, and the ensuing grief journey. Movie begins at 8:30am.

7:30am	Continental Breakfast
8:00am	Registration
8:30am	Open Activity Time
10:15am	A5, B5, C5, D5, E5, F5
11:45am	A6, B6, C6, D6, E6, F6
1:15pm	Lunch with Keynote Speaker
2:25pm	Closing Ceremony
3:45pm	Balloon Release

Conference Location

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

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Charles C. Coddington, III, MD: (B3) www.mayoclinic.org/reproductivemed-rst/

Chair of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology & Infertility at the Mayo Clinic Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Coddington's clinical research and publications cover: reproductive surgery, endometriosis, in-vitro fertilization, sperm oocyte interaction and ovulation induction.



Jason H. Collins, MD, OB/GYN: (E4, A5) www.preginst.com

Founder and President of the Pregnancy Institute, a 501C(3) created to study pregnancy related issues and designed to promote the likelihood of healthier pregnancies resulting in well-monitored, full-term live births. Dr. Collins has delivered babies for over twenty-five years, and offers an office visit, consultation and home fetal-monitoring program at no cost to pregnant mothers who have suffered a stillbirth or cord related loss.



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Founder of the Center of Natural Healing Arts, Kristi is a graduate in Applied Functional Medicine in Clinical Practice. She lectures globally on topics including: pain and fatigue management, adult and childhood obesity, and blood sugar/metabolic abnormalities.



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International speaker and author on pregnancy and infant loss, Sherokee's books, *Empty Arms* and *Giving Care, Taking Care*, paved the way for compassionate care for bereaved families, and addressed the needs of caregivers to avoid burnout.

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A NYC board-certified pediatrician, graduated from the NYU School of Medicine and trained at Mount Sinai Hospital, Dr. Larry teaches holistic integrative pediatric & adolescent medicine to parents and health professionals nationally & internationally. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, President of the American Holistic Medical Association and co-founder and President of the Holistic Pediatric Association.



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